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TAGS: PFOR, EG, LY

SUBJECT: LIBYANS CASTIGATED FOR CAIRO BOMBINGS

SUMARY: TWO TERROIST BOMBINGS IN CAIRO AUGUST 8 HAVE  
CAUSED OUTRAGE AGAINST QUDHAFI AMONG PRESS AND POPULACE  
AND CONSIDERABLE APPREHENSION. SECRUTIIY AUTHORITIES HAVE OBTAINED  
CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF LIBYAN SPONSORSHIP. INCIDENTS, WHICH INJURED  
14 IN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAVE CONVINCED MANY EGYPTIANS THAT GOE IS  
NOW BOTH JUSTIFIED AND REQUIRED IN IT OWN INTERESTS TO TAKE  
WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO RID THE AREA OF THE  
"LUNATIC" COLONEL. ADDITIONAL GOE CONCERN OVER STOCKPILES  
OF SOVIET WEAPONS AND REPORTED SOVIET-MANNED BASES IN  
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LIBYA MAY WELL LEAD TO MORE ACTIVE GOE POLICY AGAINST

QADHAFI IN NEAR FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

1. ALL CAIRO DAILIES AUGUST 9 BANNER "LIBYAN" BOMBINGS AT 1100 AND 1300 HOURS AUGUST 8 IN BATHROOMS ON FIFTH FLOOR OF CENTRAL TAHRIR GOVERNMENT OFFICE COMPLEX HOUSING INTER ALIA SOME OFFICES OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. EXPLSIONS WERE CLEARLY AUDIBLE AT EMBASSY TWO BLOCKS AWAY AND CAUSED SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE. GOE CLAIMS FIRST BOMB DESIGNED TO GO OFF IMMEDIATELY TO ELIMINATE AGENT WHO PLACED IT. SECURITY AUTHORITIES INSPECTED SITE, BUT HAD NOT DETECTED SECOND BOMB BEFORE IT EXPODED TWO HOURS LATER. ALL 14 INJURIES CAUSED BY FIRST EXPLSION. ONLY ONE PERSON IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

2. AUTHORITIES HAVE CONRETE EVIDENCE THAT LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE BEHIND ATTACKS. 'AMAD AD-DIN ABU RAQIQ SEIZED AFTER FIRST BOMB AND EMPLOYEES TRIED TO KILL HIM. HE ALLEGEDLY CONFESSED THAT HE WAS GIVEN 1300 LIBYAN POUNDS AND TWO TIME BOMBS BY LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER MAJOR SAAD AL SHIBANI. 'AMAD RAQIQ SAID TO BE FROM AWLAD ALI WESTERN TRIBE AND TO HAVE SPENT PAST YEAR IN LIBYA WHERE HE WAS RECRUITED BY LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE FOR MONEY. BOMBS WERE TO HAVE BEEN PLACED DURING JULY 20-25 REVOLUTION CELEBRATIONS. RAQIQ LOST HIS EYESIGHT AND SUFFERED OTHER INJURIES WHEN FIRST BOMB EXPLODED AS HE WAS SETTING IT.

3. PRESS LINKS BOMBINGS TO PREVIOUS LIBYAN BOMBINGS ON CAIRO-ALEXANDRIA TRAIN, DAMANHUR, MERSA MATRUH, ALEXANDRIA AND BEHEIRA. AHRAH EDITORIAL CASTIGATES LIBYA'S "LUNATIC AND IDIOTIC COLONEL" FOR VAIN ATTEMPTS TO CAUSE DISTURBANCES IN EGYPT AFTER HIS FAILURE ELSEWHERE. IT SAYS COLONEL IS NO LONGER "ABSURD JOKE" AND PATIENCE IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE. EDITORIAL ADDRESSES LIBYAN PEOPLE AND WARNS THAT IN UNLIKELY EVENT COLONEL SUCCEEDED IN SOWING DISSENSION BETWEEN PEOPLES OF TWO COUNTRIES, LIBYA'S SCHOOLS, FACTORIES AND HOSPITALS WOULD ALL BE CLOSED DOWN AS EVERY EGYPTIAN EFFORT TO HELP LIBYANS WOULD CEASE. WHILE EGYPT WILL NOT RESORT TO COLONEL'S METHODS, EDITORIAL WARNS EGYPT IS CAPABLE OF PUNISHING THE LUNATIC "WHOSE LIQUIDATION HAS BECOME ONLY POSSIBLE REMEDY." AHMAD ZEIN IN KHBAR  
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CASTIGATES QUADHAFI IN EVEN STRONGER TERMS FOR BLOODLETING THROUGHOUT ARAB WORLD. HE SAYS THAT WHAT QADHAFI HAS DONE IN EGYPT COULD BE ANSWERED IN MUCH GREATER DIMENSIONS IN LIBYA, BUT EGYPT REFUSES TO MAKE INNOCENT LIBYAN PEOPLE SUFFER FOR ACTS OF "MAD RULER."

4. ALL PAPERS ALSO CARRY MENA ITEM THAT NUMAYRI RECEIVED FORMER LIBYAN RCC MEMBER UMAR MUHAYSHI IN KHARTOUM

YESTERDAY WHO CONGRATULATED HIM ON CRUSHING QADHAFI FINANCED  
COUP ATTEMPT. MUHAYSHI AFFIRMED THAT LIBYAN PEOPLE ARE  
CAPABLE OF GETTING RID OF QADHAFI'S "SICK LEADERSHIP" AND  
DAY OF SALVATION NOT FAR OFF.

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT OFFICIAL VERSION  
THAT QADHAFI BEHIND THESE AND PREVIOUS TERRORIST TYPE  
INCIDENTS IN EGYPT. PRESS INDIGNATION AGSINT THESE  
OUTRAGES IS WIDELY SHARED BY POPULACE AS IS GROWING IMPATIENCE  
WITH HAVING QADHAFI AS NEIGHBOR. INCREASINGLY SERIOUS TERRORIST  
ATTACKS, TOGETHER WITH MOUNTING GOE CONFERN OVER LARGE  
QUANTITIES SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT FLOWING TO LIBYA AND  
REPORTS OF SOVIET SONCTROLLED BASES THERE (CAIRO 10583),  
SUGGEST THAT GOE MAY NOW ENGAGE IN SOME SUBERSIVE  
EFFORTS OF ITS OWN TO ELIMINATE QUADHAFI. MOST EGYPTIANS  
WOULD SUPPORT SUCH ACTIONS AS JUSTIFIED AND NECESSARY.  
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